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In re Patent Application of
HOLT et al.

Application No. 09/449,851

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For: TASTE MASKING RAPID RELEASE
COATING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a)

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Twice Amended) A taste masked formulation which rapidly releases in the stomach of a patient comprising:

a drug containing core;

a taste masking layer composed of a material which is generally insoluble in saliva at a neutral to basic pH and completely soluble in saliva at a pH of less than about 6.5; and

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